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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Are the Government of Madras entitled to any compensation if it is found that the Government of Mysore have violated the agreement? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All that will arise only after the fact-finding body gives its opinion."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government forward a copy of the Council proceedings on this subject to the Central Government along with their communication requesting the constitution of the Arbitration Council? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Proceedings of this House? "

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know when this Government approached the Government of India under Article 263 for the appointment of a Council for co-ordination between the two States? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is proposed. We are going to address the Government of India."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I suggest that you appoach the Government of India as quickly as possible to take action under Article 263 of the Constitution? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We are proposing to do it almost immediately."

Electric current charges for the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress.

* 276 *Q.*—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred by the Government in giving electric connexions and on account of electric current charges for the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the agreement, if any, entered into between the Government and the Indian National Congress for the supply of electricity?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 4,193 was incurred on account of laying lines, etc., in giving temporary supply of electricity to the 60th Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and a sum of Rs. 7,673-13-0 is payable by the Reception Committee towards current consumption charges. According to the rules governing temporary supply of electricity such expenditure will have to be reimbursed by the consumer. The Reception Committee has already paid Rs. 8,210 on this account and the balance will be collected expeditiously.

"(b) No agreements are entered into with the consumers in the case of temporary supply of electricity."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—"Would it not be in order for the Government to make a contribution towards the expenditure on the Avadi Session of the Congress in the matter of supply of electricity?"

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"That question does not arise. We have collected the money and there is no question of supply gratis. If the hon. Member wants it, let him bring in a resolution."

Number of Baby Taxis plying in the City of Madras.

* 277 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Baby Taxis plying in the City of Madras as on 1st February 1955;

(b) the number of applications for licence to ply Baby Taxis received by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, from the date of its introduction till 1st December 1954;

(c) the prescribed authority to consider and select the licensees; and

(d) whether the Government have considered the desirability of (i) increasing the number of Baby Taxis in the City of Madras, and (ii) introducing the same in the mufassal stations?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—"(a) 106.

"(b) 430.

"(c) The Regional Transport Authority in the mufassal and the Road Traffic Board in the City are the competent authorities to grant contract carriage permits which include Baby Taxis.

"(d) There is no proposal pending with Government for increasing the number of Baby Taxis in the City and there have also been no representations to this effect. As regards the mufassal, the Government have accorded approval to the proposals of the Central Road Traffic Board for the introduction of Baby Taxis in Malabar and Tanjore districts. The question of introducing Baby Taxis in other districts is under consideration."

11-30 a.m. Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"Are these licences being granted in the order of priority with reference to the date of the applications?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—"I do not think these licences would be given on the order of priority. Every case would be gone into according to merits."